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Chairman Tom Coburn  
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,  
Government Information and International Security  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
439 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Coburn:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information on federal research dollars at Emory University. We appreciate your interest in ensuring that federal tax dollars are invested prudently and cost-effectively; your questions are legitimate and necessary lines of inquiry in an era in which the overall amount of peer-review funding at the National Institutes of Health and other federal institutions has been limited. We all have an interest in knowing that federal research dollars are allocated to legitimate projects and institutions.

Emory University received \$261.7 million in federally-awarded research funds in Fiscal Year 2005; 99.996% of the federal funding we received was competitively awarded.

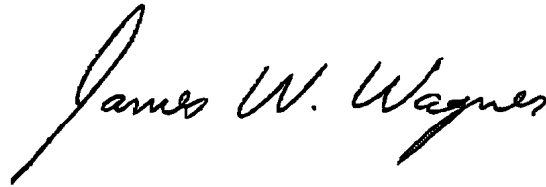
In addition, in recent years two projects supported by Emory University have received funding directed by members of the Georgia delegation; these initiatives are both comprised of multiple public, private and government partners. The first provides funds to local transit officials for a study of options to address national security concerns in a high-risk area that includes the University campus. The second funds a consortium of over 25 universities and state public health systems to improve regional cooperation against bioterroristic threats and promote research related to threats to national security. In FY2005, these projects accounted for .004% of all federal funding Emory received. We are happy to talk directly with you or your staff, in conjunction with our Georgia delegation members, about these important projects.



We do not currently have in place a formal policy on earmarking. A policy is expected to be considered when a new Vice President for Governmental Affairs is hired later this year.

Thank you for your interest in Emory's work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Wagner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

James W. Wagner  
President, Emory University